

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.       A portable computer, comprising:  
2           a housing having a battery bay; and  
3           a battery module adapted to removeably fit into the battery bay, wherein the battery  
4           module comprises at least one battery cell adapted to provide power and at  
5           least one storage compartment located adjacent the battery cell.
  
- 1           2.       The portable computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the battery module  
2           comprises three separate batteries.
  
- 1           3.       The portable computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the three battery cells are  
2           electrically coupled to an electrical contact, wherein the electrical contact is adapted to  
3           connect to an ancillary electronic device.
  
- 1           4.       The portable computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the storage compartment  
2           is formed as a recess in the battery module.
  
- 1           5.       The portable computer as recited in claim 4, wherein the storage compartment  
2           has a rectangular shape.
  
- 1           6.       The portable computer as recited in claim 5, wherein the storage compartment  
2           is sized to hold a plurality of business cards.

1           7.       The portable computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the battery module  
2 comprises a cover adapted to provide access to the storage compartment.

1           8.       A method, comprising the acts of:  
2 providing a portable computer with a battery bay;  
3 providing a battery module having a battery and a storage compartment; and  
4 inserting the battery module into the battery bay.

1           9.       The method as recited in claim 8, comprising the act of interchanging the  
2 battery module with a second battery module having additional battery cells in lieu of the  
3 storage compartment.

1           10.      The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the battery comprises three battery  
2 cells located adjacent the storage compartment.

1           11.      The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the act of interchanging comprises  
2 the act of interchanging the battery module with the second battery module having at least six  
3 cells.

1           12.      The method as recited in claim 12, comprising the act of enclosing the storage  
2 compartment with a pivotable cover operable between open and closed positions.

1           13.      The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the battery bay is located in a  
2 bottom region of the portable computer.

1           14.     An electronic device, comprising:  
2           a housing;  
3           a battery bay formed in the housing;  
4           a module removeably coupled to the battery bay, the module comprising a battery cell  
5                   and a storage compartment adjacent the battery cell.

1           15.     The device as recited in claim 14, wherein the battery is configured to accept  
2   at least three battery cells.

1           16.     The device as recited in claim 14, wherein the storage compartment comprises  
2   a cover to selectively enclose the storage compartment.

1           17.     The device as recited in claim 16, wherein the cover is pivotable between an  
2   opened position and a closed position.

1           18.     The device as recited in claim 14, wherein the storage compartment is sized to  
2   hold a plurality of business cards.